

FEBRUARY 19th, 1814.

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Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole house on Monday next.

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## A Bill

*To provide for the widows and orphans of officers who shall die in the military service of the United States.*

1       *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*  
2   *the United States of America in congress assembled, That*  
3   if any officer of the regular army, of any militia, or volunteer, or  
4   other military corps, in the service of the United States, shall  
5   die, whilst in actual service, and leave a widow, or if no widow,  
6   a child or children under sixteen years of age, such widow, or  
7   if no widow, such child or children, shall be entitled to the same  
8   allowance of half pay, and under the same restrictions as are  
9   provided by the act, entitled "An act to raise an additional mili-  
10   tary force," passed eleventh January, one thousand eight hun-  
11   dred and twelve, for the widows and orphans of officers who  
12   shall die by reason of any wound received in actual service of  
13   the United States.

1       *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be con-*  
2   *strued to have effect from and after the eighteenth day of June,*  
3   *one thousand eight hundred and twelve.*